The regular monthly meeting of Dupont Borough Council was called to order at 6:00pm on Tuesday evening, July 8, 2025 by President of Council Stanley Knick Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

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| Mr. Knick – Present | Mr. Kowalczyk – Excused |
| Mr. Karkut – Present | Mr. Price – Present |
| Mr. Jones – Present | Mayor Lello - Present |

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL AND PLACE ON FILE**
Motion: Mr. Karkut
Second: Mr. Jones
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Excused, Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes, Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT CORRESPONDENCE.**
Motion: Mr. Jones
Second: Mr. Price
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Excused, Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes, Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

**MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT.**
Motion: Mr. Jones
Second: Mr. Karkut
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Excused, Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes, Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

**MOTION TO APPOINT THE PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS FROM JULY 8, 2025 TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL WITH NO GUARANTEE OF WORK:** Bryan Besecker, Duane Saunders, Jennifer Polemitis, Christopher Fargione, Michael Sniscak, Brian Morris, Brian Jacobosky, Eric Danaher, Joseph Delaney
Motion: Mr. Price
Second: Mr. Jones
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Excused, Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes, Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

REPORTS:
Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Albert B. Melone Company
General Fund - $90,981.31
Payroll Fund - $9,088.79
Admin Debit Card – $159.62
Police Debit Card – $151.18
Refuse Fund - $178,233.26
Sewer Maintenance Fund - $405,666.37
Liquid Fuels Fund - $150,764.94
Police Pension Fund - $1,180,257.90

Special Fund - $43,476.42
Clock Fund - $376.35
Fire Victims Fund - $60.07

Tax Collector's Report: Submitted by Susan Gregory Tax Collector (corrected report)
Month of June
Balance Collectable Beginning of Month - $42,403.93
Less Face Collections for the Month - $12,764.22
Less Exonerations: $112.48
Balance Collectable End of Month - $12,803.50
Check received and deposited in the General Fund in the amount of $12,803.50

Mayor's Report: No Report

Police Report: Officer Tamburello read the monthly report for June submitted by Chief Doran Criminal arrests-1; traffic citations issued-83; non traffic citations issued-2; appearances in magisterial court-12; motor vehicle accidents-11; assist to ems/fire-6; assist to other police dept.-13; alarms-1; thefts-2; vandalism-1; disorderly conduct-3; domestic reports-6; suspicious activity-1; dui arrest-1; assault/harasment-8; miscellaneous calls-41; building checks-28; code enforcement/rental inspection-57; Car#1 F150 – 68,490; Car #2 Explorer – 34,591; Car #3 Explorer – 33,001. Magistrate Fines Collected - $2,634.71.

Solicitor's Report: None

Engineer's Report: Bob Naegle updated the following (1) Spoke with the contractor for Astound regarding the roads in quail hill. Will try to set a meeting next week (2) Two bids being opened this evening, one for Demo 249 Lidy and the other is the ADA Ramps through Luzerne County Office of Community Development (3) Multimodal Quail Hill project is complete. The street lights are in. There is about 12,000 left in the grant and Bob suggested submitting his inspection invoices for reimbursement (4) Paving Project is closed out. Pennsy still has a few items on the punch list (5) Basketball Court project is substantially complete. They are putting down the topsoil and matting today. The electric is scheduled for August 11th to be turned on. We did issue a punch list for the contractor. That included the topsoil. They have completed 80% of that today. We will see how that reacts with the water issue. (6) Walk Trail project – Bob looked at the low spots and recommended letting it as is. There is a two year warranty. He stated they have to touch up the edges. There is also the option down the road to put 1" of top on the trail through a future grant. That was done with a binder course. He cannot see doing any tear out or reconstruction at this point unless it is a major issue. (7) Hose company project is done. We have final inspection tomorrow with contractor at 1pm.

Fire Department Report: Chief Hudzinski reported the following: Total incidents-25; Paid Staff Responses-11; Volunteer Responses:14; Incident Type: Fire Alarm-2; Structure Box-1; Motor Vehicle Accident-11; Brush Fire-1; CO Alarm-1; EMS Assist-3; Rental Inspection-7. Jurisdiction: Dupont Borough-15; Hughestown Borough-4; Avoca Borough-5; Laflin Borough-1.

EMA Report: Mr. Jones noted August 14th training session here open to the whole county. Time is 6pm. It will give staff and elected officials training on their role during a major disaster. Mr. Jones will be attending the quarterly training next Tuesday. The Borough will have to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan and we will have to adopt the master plan this year. Also he received notice the county is redoing

the Stormwater Management Plan and we can also hop in on that as well. Stan asked Bob Naegele to look at that Plan. Bob noted the Act 167 is being done with both Lackawanna and Luzerne County. Bob stated it would be nice if they help Dupont with the water that comes down through town.

EMS Report: Mr. Jones noted Hughestown responded into Dupont 22 times in June. They continue to staff two ambulances on an average of three days a week. They handled 96.6% of the calls in our primary coverage area from January to June 1, 2025. They are currently in the process of upgrading the EMS Squad (Special Operations Vehicle) from 1990 to a 2017 Ford F250 Super Duty 4x4. This unit will be used for active shooter incidents, firefighter rehab, fire police, mass casualty incidents, and quick response service.

Code Enforcement Report: Mr. Jones read the June report: 18 Notice of Violations issued; 7 Rental Inspections Completed; Cases closed for compliance 18; Citations issued at Magistrate-2. Work Permits-2.

Crime Watch Report: Due to schedule conflicts there was no meeting in June. Bob Price stated the next meeting is July 29th at 7 pm.

Council President's Report: Stan reported the following: Trash – 66.62 tons; comingle-4.62 tons- 8.19 tons. Mileage: Packer-9,209; Recycler-47,061; C3500-20,482; C6500-1,869; Green Pickup-10,578; Backhoe-833.3 hours; Bucket Truck – 1,363; Ventrac-62.6 hours; Mack-5,341. Stan also reported that at the Landbank meeting it was discussed whether Dupont would waive the permit fees for a modular home to go on the Coolidge Street property they purchased through tax sale. There is a motion on the agenda tonight to waive the fees.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS:**
Motion: Mr. Karkut
Second: Mr. Jones
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Excused, Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes, Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

**MOTION TO APPROVE GRANT RESOLUTIONS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **Grant for VFW Roof and Flooring**
2. **Grant for Vehicles/Equipment – Police Truck, Dump Truck with Plow and Spreader and Mini Excavator**
3. **Waive Permit Fees for Landbank Project Coolidge Street – Construction of Modular Home**

Motion: Mr. Jones
Second: Mr. Price
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Excused, Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes, Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

**MOTION TO OPEN AND READ THE BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE 249 LIDY ROAD DEMO PROJECT THROUGH LUZ. CO. OCD PROGRAM**
Motion: Mr. Karkut
Second: Mr. Price
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Excused, Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes, Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

**Bids: Hadley Construction, Pittston - Base Bid - $26,500 Add Alternate #1 - $9,620 Bid Bond Yes Total is $36,180)**
**Brdaric – Base Bid - $21,100 Add Alternate#1 - $8000 Bid Bond Yes Total $29,100**

**MOTION TO TABLE THE BID FOR THE 249 LIDY ROAD DEMO PROJECT DUE TO BIDS COMING IN OVER THE GRANT AMOUNT FROM LUZ. CO. OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
Motion: Mr. Jones
Second: Mr. Price
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Excused, Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes, Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

**MOTION TO OPEN AND READ THE BIDS FOR THE ADA RAMP PROJECT THORUGH LUZ. CO. OCD PROGRAM**
Motion: Mr. Karkut
Second: Mr. Price
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Excused, Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes, Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

**Bids: Multiscape – Base Bid - $249,310 Addendum#1 – yes Bid Bond – yes**
**Stafursky Paving – Base Bid - $171,608 Addendum#1 – yes Bid Bond - yes**
**Pennsy Supply - $202,200 Addendum#1 – Yes Bid Bond – yes**

Patty noted this project included 7 on Everhart; 5 on Lackawanna, 8 on Wyoming, 5 on Penn, 1 on Hillside, 1 on Elm, and 2 on Hemlock.

**MOTION TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE ADA RAMP PROJECT TO STAFURSKY PAVING IN THE AMOUNT OF $171,608.**
Council noted this also is above the grant amount through the County but it is only $2400. Council discussed this difference to be paid from special fund. Bob Naegele explained that the project included work that may not be necessary, bringing the cost down. The other option is to eliminate a ramp or two. Being it is close, council moved forward with the award.
Motion: Mr. Price
Second: Mr. Jones
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Excused, Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes, Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

**MOTION TO APPROVE WAIVING THE PERMIT FEES FOR LANDBANK PROJECT ON COOLIDGE STREET, CONSTRUCTION OF MODULAR HOME**
Motion: Mr. Jones
Second: Mr. Price
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Excused, Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes, Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

**MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR SALE, THE 2011 F550 DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW AND SPREADER AS IS**
Motion: Mr. Jones
Second: Mr. Karkut
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Excused, Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes, Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

Matters from Audience:

1. Lou DeMarco, Second Street – Angle Parking for Second Street Apartments
   Stan asked if there is a place there to turn around. Lou stated there is a driveway and parking area at the end of the street that can be used. Bob Naegele brought up the sketch that was provided and Lou passed out copies to each member. Bob measured curb to curb. After several issues discussed including parking on both side of the street, no parking on one side, number of units and parking spots in the parking lot, Lou was asked to provide a drawing showing the dimensions. Lou estimated two vehicles per unit, possibly 10 on street and 10-12 off street. It was also noted that 15' from stop sign is required. It was also noted an ordinance would have to be passed for the next meeting to approve the change. Lou also talked about signage being posted no parking here to end or something to that affect.

Matters from Council and Mayor:

Mr. Jones – Hope everyone had a good Fourth of July. Enjoy Summer. Labor day will be here before you know it.
Mr. Price – Enjoy Summer. Report any suspicious activity.
Mayor Lello – Enjoy Summer. Food Drive July 24th, 8 am Holy Mother of Sorrows Church.
Mr. Karkut – DPW is on summer hours, trash and recycling should be put out the night before.

**MOTION TO HAVE SOLICITOR LOOK INTO SOMEONE TO REPRESENT THE BOROUGH AND SHIP AVOCA A LETTER WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLY ELIMINATING PUMP STATION AND HOOKING IN TO AVOCA LINES**
Erik will reach out and provide cost estimate for representation.
Motion: Mr. Price
Second: Mr. Karkut
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Excused, Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes, Mr. Jones, abstain.
Motion Carried 3/1 abstention.

Stan mentioned that July 13th the lady sitting next to me will be here 31 years, working here. It is a great accomplishment and she has done a lot for this town. I want people to realize her heart is in it and she does the best she can. Also, August 2nd from 11 to 2 on Hemlock Street at the basketball courts we will have the ribbon cutting. There will be refreshments and other things.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia McDonald
Secretary

Adopted and Approved

Stanley Knick Jr.
Council President